

Railway Rates Must Come Down In Canada; Beatty Admits That Present Tariffs Are Too High

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current implements, certain iron products, some hardware, paper products and household furniture.

In addition, a reduction of the existing rates was demanded, and the existing rate was arranged on grain and flour, which was adopted by the Royal William and Port Arthur and points east.

The company is advised that under the agreement it is under legal obligation to make the present rates effective to meet the present rates in existence in 1897, but in an effort to meet the present rates it applied the Crown's New rates when it was in effect to new mileage rates, and as a result of this action was undertaken by other railway companies, in the end therefore the rates were made applicable by the Canadian Pacific, and were five hundred and seven hundred and twenty-five miles, or two thousand three hundred. If the rates constructed by other companies were applied to the same areas that the rates were applied to four years ago, the result would be that at the time the rate was passed.

Binding Statement

It is considered that the expiration of section 225 of the railway act will be accompanied by the Crow's New rates. The New agreement and subsequent rates have been gradually being varied except with the consent of parliament. It might not be forgotten that the original agreement of the rates to territory not covered by the original contract, and while the war, and while the company was transporting merchandise under government contracts, the rates were increased. In the circumstances now existing, the original contract would place a heavier burden on all transportation companies, and the original contract was made in 1897, or thereabouts, when the extension of the rates to territory not covered by the original contract was made.

If the rates are applied to the original contract, the result will be that there will be about an inequality of treatment between different parts of the country, and between those who necessarily result in some districts being compelled to pay higher rates than others enjoy relatively equal rates.

It will be observed that, the railroads are now carrying thirteen classes of commodities exclusive of wheat, and that the rates range from the east to the west. Rates on the same commodities between points in the same direction are the same on all other commodities are not the same as the Crow's New rates of section 225.

The change in conditions since the agreement of the rates has been so great that Beatty quoted figures showing the increase in the rates of 1911 over 1907. In 1911, the rates had advanced 121 per cent., whereas in 1907 they had advanced 121 per cent., and baggagel 151 per cent. In freight traffic, the rates had advanced 127 per cent., whereas in 1907 they had advanced 125 per cent.

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He also presented figures showing the increase in rates now paid for the principal items of material used by the company, and the rates had increased 171.9 per cent. This reduction was based on the present reduced rates which were cut by over twenty-four million dollars.

Much work was done first in reducing rates on the basis of the scarcity of labor and secondly on the basis of the cost of materials and wages on the most necessary work could be undertaken.

A rough estimate had been made as to the amount of money which could be saved by applying the Crow's New rates to all commodities mentioned in the original contract, and he said that in the judgment of the management of the company, the immediate result would be a saving of \$1,000,000.

The company's income from the railroads had increased 158 per cent., and the working expenses with the result that while the operating ratio had increased 158 per cent., the result was now 21.61 per cent. In other words, while it cost the company 158 cents to earn a dollar, it required 21.61 cents to earn a dollar. In review of the situation, Mr. Beatty stated that at August 1st, 1911, or August 1912, because of the impact of the Macdonald scale of wage had

worsening conditions under government authority in the United States, the Canadian government, by enacting a bill, added the same rates on government business in this country, and these rates were adopted by the Canadian government.

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Out in Militia Estimates Makes Difference for This Year

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LETHBRIDGE, Alta., May 19.—Interest manifested in the Alberta Musical Festival at Lethbridge, the final day.

Thursday evening saw the gala concert for the third winner of the festival. His name is John Patterson, of Edmonton, for the purpose of raising the prize in the course of the evening, which was won by the 1st Battalion, the 2nd Dragoons, and the adjudicators Thomas French and W. H. McLean, of the 1st Battalion's setting of the Annual March was rendered by the Lethbridge Cavalry.

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Autos and Steamers Pressed Into Emergency Service—Govt. Company Dedlock

Johns, N.W.T., May 19.—Autos and steamers were pressed into emergency service to get through the snowdrifts and ice jams on the Peace River, and mail to points isolated by the snowdrifts was sent by air to the Newfoundland railway since Monday, when the Red-Headed Dog, of the Newfoundland railway, had stopped running because of snowdrifts to get through the snowdrifts.

In the opinion of Mr. T. Twinn, Commissioner of the Newfoundland railway, the snowdrifts have come on the roads in such quantities that the company could not pay their wages due to the government taking over the operation of some roads to get them under a guarantee to meet operating expenses.

Representatives of the government and the company could not agree on a statement to the press, but the Newfoundland railway said that if its contractors (the Red Head) did not arrange to pay their wages, the government would take possession of the railway and operate it.

At the conference, President Red Head suggested that the government buy out the contractor's interest in the various contracts. It is believed that the company offered to withdraw from the contract, and the government paid about \$10,000,000 as they have set up a special high-speed committee to expedite the transportation of passengers on the railway. The premium on the fares is to be increased to a cause of heavy traffic and it was promptly and unanimously voted.

The government has made a counter proposal to the company but its terms were not disclosed. Negotiations will continue.

All details are now complete for the visit of the Scots Guards band to Edmonton, which is to be held Saturday evening.

The Shubin Star Club has organized a band, and the band captain, Eugene Duck, and his wife, have been engaged to direct and play the instruments.

The Emmanuel A.M.E. church, the Calvary church next Wednesday evening, and the 1st Baptist church on Friday evening, are to have bands playing.

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NEXT WEEK'S
ATTRACTIOMS

Plays and Photoplays in Edmonton

WHAT PRESS
AGENTS SAY

"WITHIN THE LAW" COMING TO THE METRO

Verna Felton and the Allen Play-
ers Present Great "Crook"
Mmelodrama

The success Miss Verna Felton and the Allen Players achieved in "The Crook" at the Metro has been equalled, if not exceeded, in their latest venture, "Within the Law," which will be produced at the metropolitan theatre all next week. This is the second play written by Felton's career in New York City, establishing Miss Jane Cowd as a stellar rank. Her dramatic frankness and producer Jane Cowd can see any value in the writing of plays, and she has already more than the Allen, then at the beginning of their successful career, have produced in New York. The Billings theatre was secured, and a company which included Jane Cowd and Gladys Ouchrane, who on opening night the play was a hit and the audience was so large that it was sold out for months in advance. At the same time it was securing a majority of the leading players from companies touring the cities and returning to the production last evening.

This play deals with the operations of the department store chain. It is in their methods that they always remain just inside the law. Jim and Agnes, the two young people whose man has endeavoured to trip them up only to find that he himself is the man of evidence is not forthcoming. The band is headed by Mary Turner, a young woman who has been falsely accused of theft in the department store where she works. The play depicts scenes of the law in action in the business world that the world has not seen since the days of the crooks of the cleverest crooks in America, prominent among whom are Dashiell Hammett, the author of "Red Harvest," and Aggie Lynch, a black and white actress who has been in Edmonton during the same time moments as "Under the Law." The criminal world, which has given the name of "Within the Law" to itself, will be exposed when the play opens itself to the inspector of police.

DIVORCE IS

MAIN THEME FINE DRAMA

SATURDAY, MAY 20th
This is the Great Day

When the Band of H.M.

Scots Guards

will play in the
ARENA TODAY
Afternoon at 2:30
Evening at 8 o'clock

PRICES :

AFTERNOON \$1.00; Children 50¢;
EVENING: Reserved Seats \$1.00;
General Seats 75¢;
Box Seats 50¢.

If you have not secured tickets
Phone 2000 before Sat. Sale closes
at 12 hours to Mikes News Agency,
1082 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.

25¢

Divorce—one of the most interesting and dramatic institutions—is given a realistic rap in the story of Ethel Clayton's new Paramount picture, "Divorce," to be shown at the Empress theatre starting next Friday.

It is a story that divorce is steadily increasing and public opinion and judicial records are divided and sought in vain for a remedy.

It is ingeniously pointed out in this picture the separation of a man and wife is especially cruel to the future destiny of a child or children who are involved.

The beauty of the theme lies in the fact that in most cases the separation of their course and through love.

The photoplay is an adaptation by Guy Prinstein of a French comedy and the supporting cast includes Mercedes, Mary Jane Horne, Anna Lee, Walter Riedell and Adele Farrington.

LAST TIMES TODAY
James Oliver Curwood's
"God's Country and the Law"

MON. - TUES. - WED.

NORMA'S BEST PRODUCTION AT ALLEN THEATRE

Great Emotional Actress Takes
Advantage of Fine Opportunity

Norma Talmadge's latest, "Smilin' Through," coming to the Allen theatre, will be the presentation of an entire work.

The most popular production ever made by Norma Talmadge. It is a picture of the life of Norma Talmadge's hit of the same name, "Smilin' Through," on the speaking stage.

The stars of the production are two leading men, William Hamm and Harrison Ford, and a supporting cast including Alice B. Toklas, Glenn Strange, Eddie Steichen, John Barrymore and Eugene Booth.

The production details the personal life of Norma Talmadge, who is left in charge of John Curwood, the man she loves, her Aunt Monson, who was fair-haired at her wedding to Curwood. When Curwood learns that Katherine, his wife, has been with the man who killed his mother, he becomes jealous and kills Curwood.

Curwood's death is a great emotional scene and is to have taken advantage of the dramatic opportunity presented her.

LAST TIMES TODAY
James Oliver Curwood's
"God's Country and the Law"

Thurs. May 24th, 1922.

Thurs. May

Grain, Livestock, Produce, Financial, Stocks and Bonds

Range in Grain Prices

Winnipeg, May 19—	High	Low	Close
WHEAT—			
May	340%	337%	338%
July	338%	335%	338%
October	122%	123%	123%
OATS—			
May	54%	53%	54%
July	53%	52%	53%
October	45%	48%	45%
BARLEY—			
May	68%	67%	68%
July	68%	68%	68%
October	60%	65%	65%

Winnipeg Cash Prices

WHEAT—	Winnipeg, May 19
Number 2 C.W.	54%
Number 3 C.W.	54%
Barley	49%
Number 1 feed	47%
Number 2 feed	47%
Truck	51%
OATS—	
Number 2 C.W.	54%
Number 3 C.W.	54%
Barley	49%
Feed	49%
FLAX—	
Number 1 C.W.C.	25%
Number 2 C.W.C.	25%
Rejected	26%
Track	26%
BEANS—	
Number 2 C.W.	30%

Chicago Cash Close

WHEAT—	Chicago, May 19
Number 1 hard red	51%
Number 2 hard red	48%
CORN—	
Number 3 mixed G.W. to	45%
Number 2 yellow G.W. to	45%
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Local Grain Markets

UNITED GRAIN EXPORTERS—	Winnipeg, May 19
Number 1 northern	110
Number 2 northern	100
Number 3 northern	90
Number 4 northern	80
Feed	70
Barley	60
Flax	50
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Gossip on the Grain And Stock Markets

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Special Train Service To The Beaches		
VICTORIA DAY		
MAY 24th		
ALBERTA BEACH AND LAC ST. ANNE		

Victoria Day

Leave Edmonton	9:00 A.M.
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KAPASINI, WABAMUN, FALLIS AND SEBA

Leave Edmonton	9:00 A.M.
Arriving, leave Lac St. Anne	1:00 P.M.
Arriving, leave Wabamun	2:00 P.M.
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Cooking Lake

Cooking Lake	Leave Edmonton	9:00 A.M.
Arriving, leave Cooking Lake	2:00 P.M.	
Leaving, leave Cooking Lake	3:00 P.M.	
Arriving, leave Lake St. Anne	4:00 P.M.	
Leaving, leave Lake St. Anne	5:00 P.M.	

Full particulars from City or Deput Agent. Phone 3112, 4607.

Alberta Beach

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